

HENRY, AUGUSTUS -

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(Busts)

Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Albert P. Henry

Excerpts from newspapers and other
sources

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Henry A. P. -



Abraham Lincoln, a member of the Lincoln family who studied with Hiram Powers in Italy.
This bust is in the Law School of the Federal judges at Louisville. Just dedicated in 1867 by Jas. Speed.

See Spores as present in file of Shilwell's under
J. O. Bailey, - letter from James S. 1901

THOS. B. SPEED

MANUFACTURERS' REPRESENTATIVE

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TELEPHONE JACKSON 5355

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

December 14, 1942

Mr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Warren:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 9th, which gave me a great deal of information.

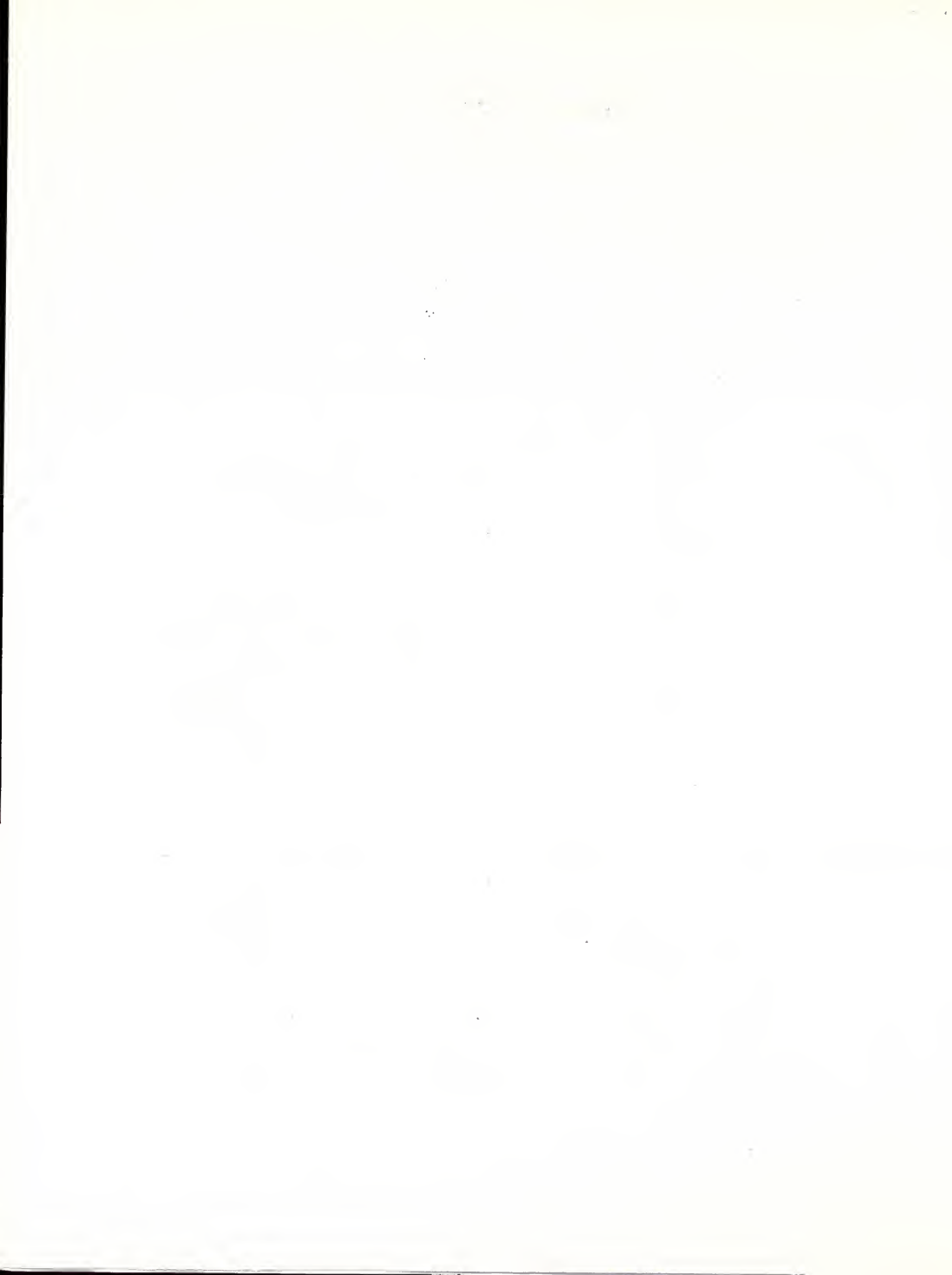
I was more than delighted to get your brochure on the heroic Lincolns in bronze. I had seen one of these at the Filson Club but only had a chance to glimpse it and was hoping to read it at my leisure. So having it at hand is a wonderful help and quite an inspiration.

I am striving to secure further information about Col. Henry. The newspaper account of the unveiling of the bust at the Federal Building here left me with the impression that he had been mustered into service in Woodford County, Kentucky. Upon further investigation, I find that he entered the service at Cincinnati, Ohio, and at first was the second in command of the 15th Kentucky Cavalry, which was recruited largely at Paducah. His superior officer was killed in action, and he succeeded him. I hope to be able to dig up something about this rather unusual man who was evidently a good soldier and knew a bit about art. If I get anything new, I shall let you know.

As this bust was unveiled in '67, I am wondering if it was one of the early likenesses of Lincoln in marble or bronze in the country. I presume it was the first in Kentucky, but I am writing to Mr. Townsend at Lexington concerning this.

The little sketch of J. A. Bailly in Appletons encyclopaedia has been read with interest. However, I am writing to the Pennsylvania Historical Society to learn if I can get anything further.

As soon as I get through with the material I am striving to unearth, I shall let you know more about it. At the same time, I shall be delighted to send you two pictures of the bust, one of the full face, which you have already seen, and another of the profile. That is, of course, if you would like to have these for your files.



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Again thanking you for all of this help, I am

Yours sincerely,


James Speed

JS;dmk

P.S.

As I was anxious to get this off at once, I am writing this
at my son's office and am using his stationery.

J.S.

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Henry Bust

December 16, 1942

Mr. Thomas B. Speed
Todd Building
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mr. Speed:

Certainly we would be pleased to have the pictures of the Henry bust as we are anxious to gather every information we can about sculptural art pertaining to Abraham Lincoln.

I am wondering if some of the members of the Henry family still live in Woodford County. If I recall correctly there were students at school by the name of Henry from Woodford County when I attended Transylvania at Lexington.

Anything you may discover about Bailey or Henry would be of interest to us.

Very truly yours,

LAW:WM

Director

JAMES SPEED
1505 ROSEWOOD
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

January 6, 1943

Mr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

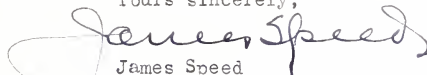
My dear Mr. Warren:

I am glad to be able to report that I have been able to dig up a great deal of most interesting data concerning Col. Albert P. Henry, who did the bust of Lincoln in marble, about which I have written you. You may rest assured that when I get the whole thing straightened out, I shall be glad to give you the material for your files. In this connection, I am wondering if this bust, which was unveiled in 1867, was not one of the first of the many pieces of art which are now scattered all over the world.

Concerning the statuette of bronze, of which I sent you photos, by the artist Bailly, which was patented in 1865, I should like to know if there are many of these in existence today. I am asking this because Mr. Townsend, of Lexington, Kentucky, wrote me that he knew of none other like it. I am not asking this because of its intrinsic value, but because the Lincoln Bank and Trust Company, of this city, has treasured it for a good many years.

Again thanking you for all the great help you have been able to give me, I am

Yours sincerely,


James Speed

JS:dmk

January 8, 1943

Mr. James Speed
1505 Rosewood
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mr. Speed:

I was glad indeed to receive your letter with information that you had uncovered interesting data concerning Col. Albert P. Henry.

Also in the same mail with your letter came one from the director of the Smithsonian Institute, Mr. Tolman, who is trying to identify a recent discovered bust stored away in the Institution.

In the very near future I believe we will publish in Lincoln Lore the names of the sculptors without comment who are known to have made busts of Abraham Lincoln. This may give me an opportunity to put a little more study on which one may be the earliest one and as soon as this is ascertained with some degree of accuracy I will be glad indeed to write to you about it.

I have found a little further description of Mr. Bailly's work in
"The History of American Sculptors

I am having the paragraph referring to Bailly copied and attached to this letter. I do not recall ever having seen one of the Bailly statuettes before.

With greetings of the Season, I am

Very truly yours,

LAW:WM

Director

Mr. [Name]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip]

Dear Mr. [Name]:

I am glad to hear of your interest in the [Project] and am sure that you will find it very interesting. I am sure that you will find it very interesting.

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With regards to the [Project], I am

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

[Name]

JERRY ALLEN

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